

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr. of Nashville for meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr. of Nashville, who was recently named as the "Nashville Best Lawyers Labor and Employment Lawyer of the Year" for 2011 by *Best Lawyers*, the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession, in recognition of his abilities, professionalism, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, compiled from the results of an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of leading lawyers confidentially evaluate their professional peers, this highly respected publication annually designates "Lawyers of the Year" in high-profile legal specialties in large legal communities such as Nashville, selecting only one single lawyer in each community for this prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, a native Nashvillian, C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr. graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Vanderbilt University in 1978 and received his Juris Doctorate from Vanderbilt Law School in 1981, where he served as Chief Justice of the Vanderbilt Moot Court Board and was elected to membership in the Order of the Coif; and

WHEREAS, a member of the law firm of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings PLLC since 1981, Mr. Branstetter has developed an extensive practice and expertise in complex litigation, including class actions, shareholder derivative litigation, and securities litigation, and also regularly practices in the fields of utility law and employment law; and

WHEREAS, he has served as lead counsel or co-counsel in a number of prominent cases, including the Dollar General Shareholder Derivative litigation, the UnumProvident Shareholder Derivative litigation, and the High Pressure Laminates Antitrust litigation in addition to serving as liaison counsel in the Tennessee Microsoft Antitrust case and counsel for the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System in the WorldCom bond litigation; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed Fellow of the Nashville Bar Association, Mr. Branstetter is a member of the Nashville, Tennessee, and American Bar Associations as well as the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he was recognized as a Mid-South Super Lawyer in securities litigation in 2008 and 2009, listed as one of 150 outstanding lawyers in Tennessee by Business Tennessee magazine, and has been named among the Outstanding Lawyers in Nashville by the Nashville Business Journal on multiple occasions; and

WHEREAS, committed to public service, C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr., served for eleven years as a member of the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, including a three year tenure as chairman, and is currently the chairman of the Metropolitan Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with his legal practice, Mr. Branstetter still finds time to lend his talents to such notable causes as the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, the Nashville Alliance for Public Education, Junior Achievement, the Middle Tennessee Chapter of the March of Dimes, and the Center for Nonprofit Management; and

WHEREAS, C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr., epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Branstetter is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Julie, and their two sons, Hunter and Austin; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr., for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend C. Dewey Branstetter, Jr., for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.